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Art Unit: 3672
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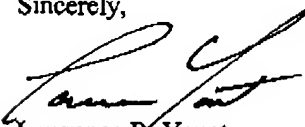
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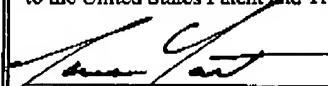
- (1) Response Under 37 CFR 1.111 (15 pages);
- (2) Request for Extension of Time (1 page); and
- (3) PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form (1 page).

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